



Safety and Justice Roundtable

Six-Month Update

February 2, 2010





Background Information

- Safety & Justice Roundtable formed in December 2007
- 18 members appointed by both City Council and County Commission
- Co-chaired by Jean Twitty and Dr. Robert Spence
- Final Report presented in July 2009





Seven Top Priorities

- 1. Solving Police-Fire Pension Fund
- 2. Reducing jail population
- 3. Improving the Family & Juvenile Justice System
- 4. Combining emergency response agency facilities
- 5. Enhancing data sharing and interagency communications
- 6. Increasing staffing throughout system
- 7. Expanding facilities





No. 1 – Solving Police-Fire Pension Fund

- Voters approved ¾-cent sales tax in November 2009 with 5-year sunset
- Pension Plan formally closed January 31--All new hires will go into statewide LAGERS plan as of February 1
- City Council is keeping its Commitments
- Citizen's Sales Tax Oversight Committee





No. 2 – Reducing Jail Population

- Population averaged 493 in 2009 down from 538 in 2008
- Circuit Court, Sheriff's Office and Prosecuting Attorney working together to reduce population
- County has received a one-year grant which funds two officers for population control
- Another officer has been assigned to serve as a liaison to the Circuit Court
- Improved coordination is moving court cases faster





No. 3 – Improving Family & Juvenile Justice System

- State approved funding for fourth Family Court Commissioner, who started in September
- County has a plan to expand Family & Juvenile Court facilities, but no funds are currently available
- Budget issues make it difficult to fill staff vacancies





No. 4 – Combining Emergency Response Agency Facilities

- Architects currently working on plans for a Public Safety Coordination Center
- PSCC will house E-911 and Greene
 County Office of Emergency Management
- Bids expected to be let by summer 2010, with building projected to be completed by fall 2011
- 911 sales tax, federal grants, County bonds available as funding sources





No. 5 – Enhancing Data Sharing & Interagency Communications

- Police Department is updating its records management system
- Sheriff's Office has worked for some time on its RMS software--Some technical issues remain to be resolved
- Police Department participates in the statewide MoDEX system
- Sheriff's Office is working to resolve data conversion issues with MoDEX





No. 6 – Increasing Staffing Throughout the System

- City hiring more Police and Fire employees in FY 2011
 - Two Fire Academies are planned in FY 2011
 - One Police Academy is planned in FY 2011
- Greene County is also currently under a hiring freeze, with more than 50 staff vacancies
- Circuit Court and Public Defender's Office are funded by the state





No. 7 – Expanding Facilities (County)

- County moving forward with plans for Public Safety Coordination Center and Morgue
- County has completed construction of two new courtrooms in Judicial Courts Facility
- County has a plan to expand Family & Juvenile Court facilities, but no funds are currently available





No. 7 – Expanding facilities (City)

- City has purchased land, with federal funds, within Government Plaza that could be used for a new Municipal Court facility
- City has set aside some funding through a bond issue for a proposed new regional Police/Fire training facility--Estimated cost: \$7.5 million
- A regional Police/Fire training facility leads the list of the City's requests for federal stimulus funds



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Questions?